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## **Missouri National Recreational River Leading Inaugural Earth Day Cleanup Event at Mulberry Bend**

In 1970 Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson promoted the concept of an environmental day which would be practical, encourage participation and motivate citizens to take action to help protect the earth. Now over four decades later, that idea known as Earth Day, has taken hold all over the United States. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Missouri National Recreational River will lead willing volunteers of the Vermillion area in a celebration of this concept in helping restore the Wild and Scenic Missouri River.

The National Park Service at Missouri National Recreational River will lead its first ever Earth Day cleanup at Mulberry Bend from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m on Sunday, April 22nd. The cleanup will take place at both the overlook and boat ramp. Park Staff will be on-site with volunteer sign-up sheets in addition to providing gloves and trash bags. Come help us restore this national treasure in your own backyard!

### **Need to Know**

**Meeting place:** We will meet at the Mulberry Bend overlook parking lot.



**Directions:** Driving to Mulberry Bend is easy. If you are coming from the Vermillion area, take South Dakota Highway 19 south (it becomes Nebraska Highway 15 as soon as you cross the bridge), the Mulberry Bend overlook parking area will be on your left. If you are coming from the Ponca area take Nebraska Highway 15 north toward Vermillion. The overlook will be on your right just before the bridge.

**For questions or more information, call:** Chris Wilkinson, Chief of Interpretation & Education at 605-665-0209 x29.